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INTRODUCTION

ALASKA...

- 586,000 square miles
- 649,000 population
- 14,230 miles of public roads (2004 stats)
- Known for extremes in snowfall, blizzards, sub-zero temperatures, avalanches, high winds, heavy rains, earthquakes, and volcanoes
- Temperatures range from 100 above to -80 F
- Land of the Midnight Sun

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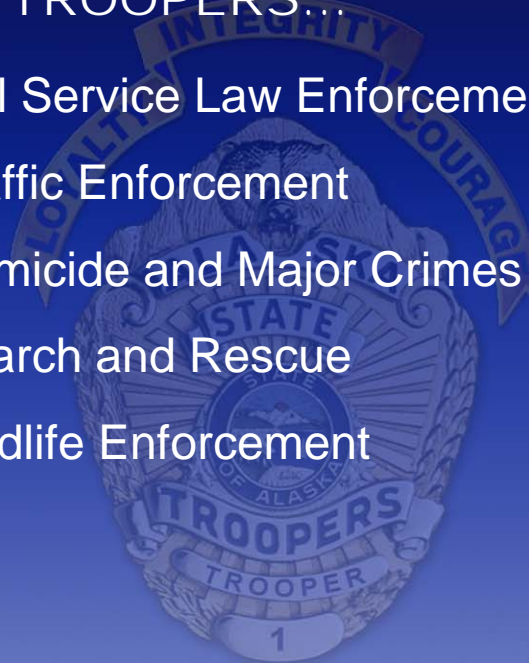


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- Full Service Law Enforcement responsibilities
- Traffic Enforcement
- Homicide and Major Crimes Investigations
- Search and Rescue
- Wildlife Enforcement

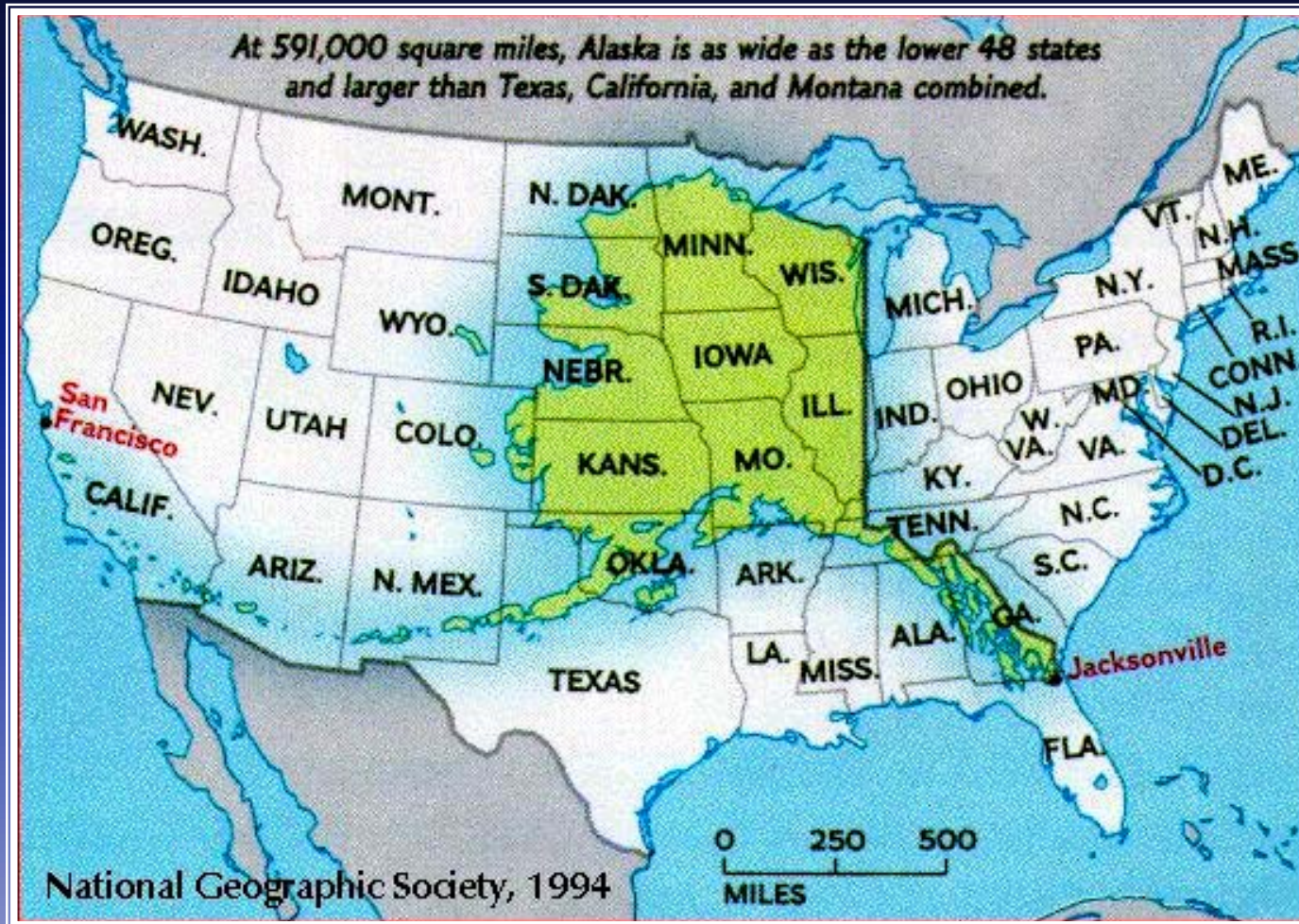


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ALASKA OVER LOWER 48



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PATROL VESSEL WOLSTAD

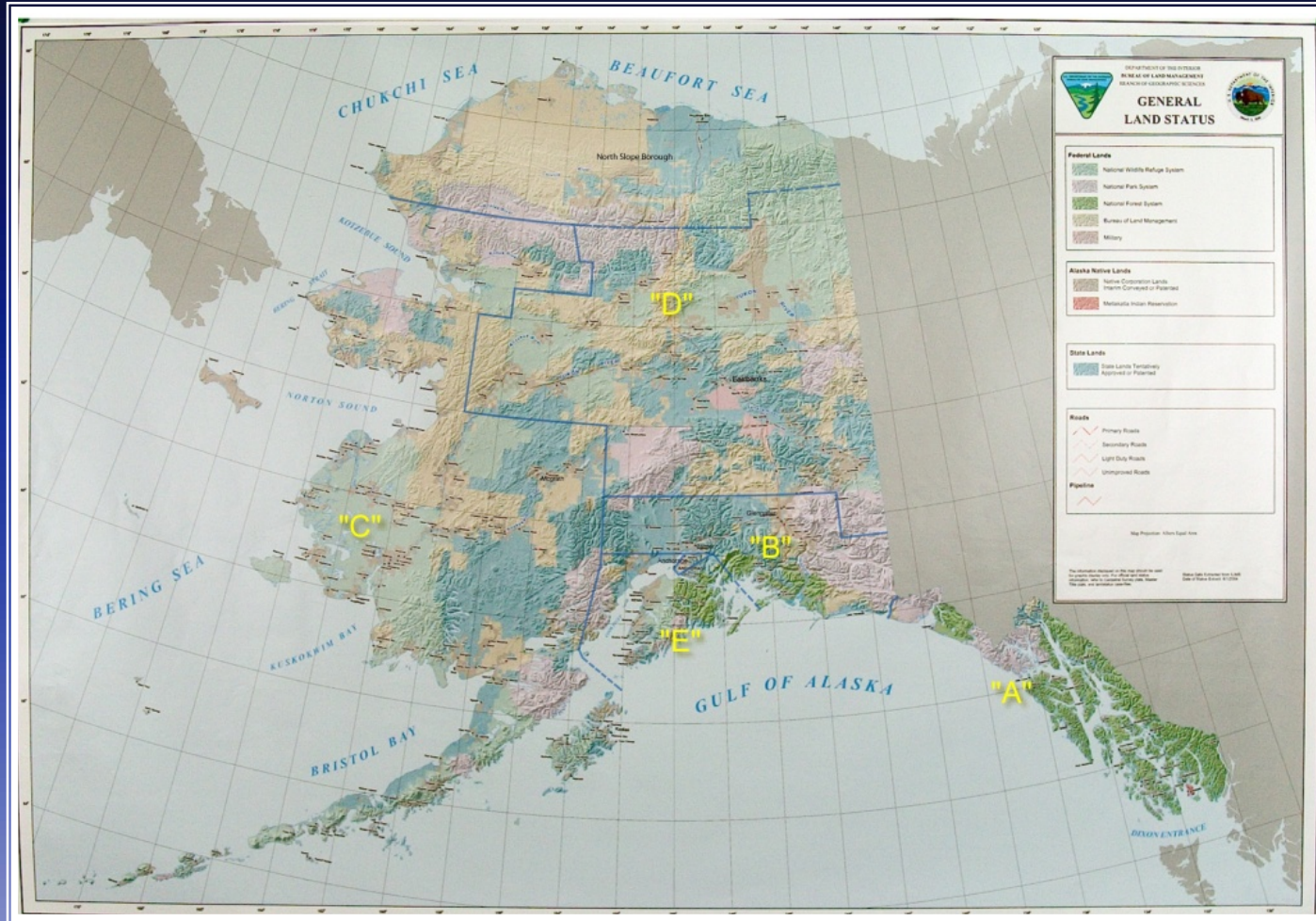


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AST Detachment Regions



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Six Core Missions

- *Highway Traffic Enforcement*
- *Rural Law Enforcement*
- *Statewide Drug and Alcohol Enforcement*
- *Statewide Major Crimes Investigations*
- *Wildlife Enforcement*
- *Statewide Training*

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Alaska State Troopers

- “Traffic enforcement is a core function.”
- 376 commissioned officers
- 21 road system posts
- 19 remote posts / no road system
- 192 or 56% of the force in road posts available for traffic enforcement activity



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DUI Saturation Patrols

Holiday periods:

- Labor Day / NHTSA “Crackdown Periods”
- Halloween
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas/New Years

Special Events:

- Arctic Man
- Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival
- Alaska State Fair
- Seward Mount Marathon
- Girdwood Forest Fair
- Denali/Parks Highway Challenge
- Anchor Point Memorial Day

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DUI Enforcement:

DUI Saturation Patrol:

- Funded overtime and working RDOs
- Total annual DUI arrests:
2002—1498 arrests 2003—1584 arrests 2004—1995 arrests
- Alcohol-related traffic fatalities:
2000—52% 2001—50% 2002—41% 2003—37%

- Applied Resources:

SFY05:	Officers	Hours of OT	DUI Arrests
Labor Day Crackdown	92	908	29
Christmas/New Year	102	910	29

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Olympic Games



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Media

Funded by annual grants from Alaska Highway Safety Office. Media campaigns included television, radio, and newspaper advertising.

Saturation over the past 18 months:

- Paid TV 1,021 Placements
- Paid Print 51 Placements
- Paid Radio 1,650 Placements

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Media

AHSO funding for In-house production of DUI enforcement TV commercials

- \$40,000 for modern digital video production equipment
- New full time “Visual Information Specialist” position
- \$75,000 to \$90,000 on statewide television and radio airtime per DUI enforcement period

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Halloween DUI



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The DUI Team



- Alaska passed .08 limit in 2002
- DUI Team formed in November 2003
- 4 troopers on the team (1 sergeant, 3 troopers)
- High visibility image and brand new AST logo
- Funded by Federal Highway Safety Grant
- \$1.5 million to fund salaries for a 3 year period

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DUI Team Holiday

DUI
Enforcement
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Santa's Helpers



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Turn Back Time



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Conclusions

What worked:

- Having a dedicated team to DUI enforcement
- High visibility on roadways with new image
- Extensive media coverage

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Conclusions

Challenges faced:

- Highest alcohol abuse rate in the nation
- Outlaw mentality of some residents “ Last Frontier”
- Limited Trooper resources, almost half of Trooper resources are located in bush Alaska
- 56 % of Trooper resources located on road posts

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Conclusions

Challenges remaining:

- To maintain momentum / Continuing funding support from NHTSA for DUI Team concept and media.
- Expand DRE training efforts and program implementation.
- Possibility for establishing a Fairbanks DUI Team.
- Positive interaction with other agencies (MADD, Legislature, AHSO, NHTSA, PD,s)

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Protecting the Last Frontier



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